

To: Joint Committee on Judiciary
Legislative Office Building, Room 2500
Hartford, CT 06106

Re: H.B. No. 6355 – An Act Concerning Risk Protection Orders or Warrants.

Position: Oppose

Date: March 5, 2021

Honorable Members of the Judiciary Committee: I urge you to OPPOSE H.B. No. 6355.

This bill attempts to help create a safer community. However, the way the bill is written appears to be more about creating a pathway to gun confiscation.

Through misuse, a complainant can falsely claim any gun owner is a risk to the public. An independent investigation into the claims of the complaint is no longer required (see line 17 of the bill; *shall* is deleted and *may* is added). The burden is on the gun owner to prove innocence. The State is then allowed to confiscate and hold guns almost indefinitely.

I strongly oppose this bill as written and urge the Committee to do the same.

Sincerely,

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